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A CHOLESTEROL ACYLTRANSFERASE-1
EXPRESSION

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for response to the Office Action of July 16, 2003 for three (3) months from October 16, 2003 to January 16, 2004. Submitted herewith is the petition fee of \$475.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) to cover the cost of the extension. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees to our Deposit Account Number 08-3040.

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